

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 181

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michelle Hale on her selection as a Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hale is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale has recently been selected as a Teacher of the Year at Capshaw Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes that positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hale received her Bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1998, where she excelled in her academic studies; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a third- and fourth-grade teacher for Capshaw Elementary since July of 2003; prior to teaching at Capshaw, Ms. Hale worked for Putnam County as a substitute teacher, for Putnam County School Age Child Care, and at Altruria Elementary in Shelby County as a fourth-grade teacher; altogether she has been teaching a total of nine exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale is a member of a number of worthy organizations such as the Alpha Delta Kappa Professional Honors Sorority, for which she currently serves as Alpha Mu Chapter President, and the Putnam County Education Association; in the past, she served as Shelby County Education Association School Representative; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her time and professional talents to numerous leadership activities, including the Putnam County Schools Leadership Academy; the Capshaw Technology Team; the PCS Benchmark Assessment Writing Committee; the School Improvement Plan

Component 3, for which she served as Chairperson; and the Tennessee Educational Technology Conference; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Hale has received distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including being nominated for the Outstanding Young Educator Award for 2002 and being chosen as an Aspiring Leader of Shelby County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hale is also most notable for her tireless commitment to community service; during the time she taught in Shelby County, she was the coordinator for Altruria Elementary for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and she also worked with the families of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by preparing and serving meals for the residents of Ronald McDonald House; through her work with Alpha Delta Kappa, she currently participates in Toys for Tots, Denim Days for St. Jude, and their annual fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Foundation; and

WHEREAS, always willing to give of her time beyond the normal class day, at Capshaw Elementary School Ms. Hale has worked as the coordinator of "Merry Christmas to the Comfort Closet," which sends gifts and toys to St. Jude; she has also volunteered to facilitate a fourth-grade Novel Club held during lunchtime; during the 2005-2006 school year, she was responsible for conducting a TCAP Test Taking Strategies group to equip the students with the skills and confidence needed to be successful on achievement tests; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the First Methodist Church Cookeville, Ms. Hale has taught Vacation Bible School and served on the Children's Council; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Hale is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michelle Hale on being chosen as a Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Capshaw Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.